

Application No. 10/599,038
Office Action dated October 8, 2009
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Docket No. 830-2F-008

Remarks/Arguments

Arrangement of the Specification

The specification has been corrected to add the headings as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claims. The applicant amends claim 6 in the present response to remove the multiple dependency.

Claim 3 is objected to for the following minor informalities: “a saddle” should be “the saddle” since “a saddle” was introduced in claim 1. The applicant amends claim 3 in the present response to correct the antecedent basis by changing “a saddle” to “the saddle”.

35 USC §102

Claims 1-5 are rejected by the examiner and claim 6 is objected to. Claims 1-4 were rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Diotte, U.S. Patent 5,324,174 (“the ‘174 Patent”).

Regarding claim 1, the Examiner refers the applicant to the “air connector 44” in the ‘174 Patent as anticipating the “foldable foot stand” recited in claim 1, and the “elongate flexible hose 42” in the ‘174 Patent as anticipating the retractable air hose recited in claim 1. The applicant respectfully asserts that the features identified by the Examiner do not appear to teach a foldable foot stand and a retractable air hose. Nevertheless, the applicant has amended claim 1 to recite, “and wherein the foot stand can be unfolded for use and can be folded away when no longer required, and wherein the retractable air hose is retractable back into a storage position within the pump” in order to clarify that the retractable air hose is retractable back into the storage position within the pump when the foldable foot stand is folded away.

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(Underscore indicating additions) (Claim 1) Support for this amendment is found at least on page 2 lines 23 and 27, at page 3 lines 1-3, and in the first paragraph of page 5.

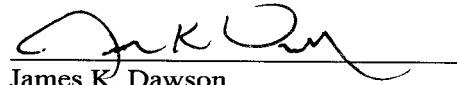
This ability to slide the retractable air hose back into a storage position within the pump (page 5 lines 5-8) and the ability to retain the hose in a protected storage position when the foot stand is folded away has the advantage that the connector 112 will not be shaken loose from the pump by the vibrations that are experienced during normal use of a cycle and the tube 113 is protected when not in use. Furthermore there is no requirement for separate covers or containers and the pump can make full use of the available space within the cycle frame. That is, if an air hose and connector extend beyond the dimensions of a pump when the pump is incorporated into the frame of a cycle, this leaves less room for the pump itself; and a shorter length pump necessarily makes the objective providing a pump that can provide high volumes of air on each stroke (page 2 lines 6-9) harder to achieve. The protected, retractable hair hose of the present invention address this problem. Withdrawal of the 102(b) rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and so contain each of its limitations. For at least the reasons stated above for claim 1, the applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-6.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to Deposit Account 11-1580.

Respectfully submitted,

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